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SUBJECT: SAHARA--SPANISH PRESS REACTION

1. THE PREOCCUPATION OF THE LEADING MADRID DAILIES TODAY IS WITH THE INTENT OF THE MOROCCAN MARCHERS CAMPED FOR THE NIGHT ON THE BORDER OF THE MINED SPANISH DEFENSIVE LINE. THE COMMON THEME IS THAT THE FAULT FOR THE VOLATILE SITUATION LIES IN THE UN AND ALSO WITH THOSE POWERS WHO FAILED TO TAKE ACTION, NOTABLY THE U.S.

2. ARRIBA (JOURNAL OF THE MOVIMIENTO) TERMS IT "INCOMPREHENSIBLE" THAT THE ACTION OF THE UN HAS BEEN LIMITED TO SECGEN WALDHEIM'S "TELEPHONE CALLS" AND THAT NOT ONE OBSERVER MUCH LESS UN TROOPS HAS BEEN DISPATCHED TO THE FRONTIER. PARTICULAR BLAME IS PLACED ON THE U.S., AS A MEMBER OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL, FOR REMAINING SILENT, AND PREFERRING WORDS TO ACTION. " ONCE AGAIN ONE DOESN'T KNOW WHO ONE'S FRIENDS ARE."

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3. ABC (MONARCHIST) STRESSED THAT WHILE THE MARCH HAD

ALREADY CROSSED THE FRONTIER AND WAS APPROACHING THE EXPLOSION POINT, THE UN SPECIAL EMISSARY WAS INITIATING NEW TALKS IN MADRID ON THE UN PLAN FOR A SIX MONTH ADMINISTRATION OF THE SAHARA BY UN CIVIL SERVANTS AND HAD ADMITTED THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THE QUESTION OF UN TROOPS. IN THE EARLY EDITION (THAT DELIVERED TO HOMES) THE PICTURE CARRIED OF THE MARCHERS SHOWED SEVERAL U.S. FLAGS AMONG THE BANNERS IN THE FRONT OF THE MARCH.

4. YA (CATHOLIC INDEPENDENT) ASSO SPOKE OF THE UN PLAN AND SUPPORTED IT BUT POINTED OUT THAT AT THE MOMENT ADMINISTRATORS WOULD NOT HELP FOR WHAT WAS NEEDED NOW WERE UN TROOPS, AND IT SUGGESTED THAT THE SPANISH ARMY ON THE SPOT BE CALLED ON TO SERVE AS UN TROOPS, MAKING A COMPARISON WITH THE EARLY ACTION OF U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA. IT CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT THE FAILURE AND BLAME WOULD LIE IN THE UN, AND THERE WITH THE GREAT POWERS WHO FAILED TO TAKE ACTION.  
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